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NATIONALS ARE PLAYING THEIR BEST BALL NOW

Team Is Displaying Spirit of a Contender for Pennant - Bob Groom Resents Charges That He Pays Too Much Attention to Bases.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Not only are his pitchers working well, notwithstanding the fact that they are not getting as much rest as pitchers usu- larly he is showing improvement both in ally require, but the team is hitting well his work behind the bat and in his hitand playing intelligent base ball. What is bench for the Tigers, and his start-in more, the spirit displayed by the members of the team is of the right sort. They spring. He is showing to much better appear as much interested in their work advantage with every game. as if they were contenders for the pennant instead of hanging onto sixth place idly and he will be back in the game

It is not unusual for a 'cam to become next trip. listless once it finds that ands no chance to be well up in the race, but this, have had four clean hits yesterday. He fortunately, has not been the case with doubled to left the first time up and the Nationals. To the credit of the on his next two trips to the plate he players it must be said that each and every one of them has put forth his best efforts at all times and that is about drove sharp grounders right at Turner, which the latter could not have reached had they been a few feet to either side. The last time up he singled to all that can be expeced.

strength, and with a few good breaks it base. There is no longer any doubt is yet possible for it to finish at the top as to where Killifer belongs. By keep-Chicago and S. Louis have no license to developed Killifer into a second base- Pittsburg finish in front of Washington this year.

responsible for his wildness.

stop me from shying at the bases when it is not going to be an easy matter I am pitching are not in order," said he. to find any one who will be an improve-"I have pitched as I do now ever since I ment over him in playing the position. have been in the game, and I don't think I could change my style. I am not looking at the bases when I turn my head, ness gave the Nationals four runs in as is generally supposed. I do that to the second inning of yesterday's vice get everything I have on the ball, and it tory and they cinched the game in the has nothing to do with my wildness. eighth when a two-bagger and five made one would suppose that I was not home four more runs. Reisling held

trying my best. But I am, and it hurts the visitors to one run. The score: me more to get beaten than it does any of the fans. My trouble has ever been my inability to get the ball where I Lelivelt, If 3 1 2 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 want it. On days that I have control do not have any trouble, and the fact that I am supposed to be watching the bases does not bother me. But when my control is poor I am natuarlly not effective, and that is where the trouble lies. If I can correct my control, nobody will find trouble with the way I pitch.'

There have been times in recent years when the Nationals have not looked very mpressive, but there has never been a eriod when a local team went through games in so listless a fashion as did the Cleveland team in the series here. There seems to be no concerted action prevalent at any time on the team. Its members go through the motions, and that is about all. If Jim McGuire hopes Washington 0 4 0 0 to make a winner out of the Naps he will Cleveland have a lot of rebuilding to do. There is Two-base hits-Leftvelt, Killifer, Reisling. Saconly a nucleus for a ball team in his charge now, and it is remarkable that the team is as high up in the race. It looks more like a tail-end outfit than any team that has appeared here this season.

Doe Reisling deserves a lot of credit for the splendid game he pitched yesterday, principally because he had but a single day's rest since his last appearance on the slab, and there are decidedly few pitchers who can come back with so little rest. Though the score was onethe visitors had men on the bases every inning excepting two, and this forced Doc to go at top speed right to the finhas to, and he works his spitter in with the second game. Scores: his fast one very cleverly. To watch

ime when the opposing batters will angets away with most of his games. The impression got out that Walter Johnson would pitch yesterday, but when McAleer was asked about it, he said: do not propose to work Johnson out turn unless it is absolutely necessary. winning the opener, 3 to 0. If we were fighting for a pennant it would be different, but I don't propose to work him too much and take a chance The time may come when we will need Johnson more than we do under existing conditions, and I want him ready then. Johnson will pitch Saturday, and never with less than three Boston days' rest during the remainder of the

season unless we should find ourselves

in a crippled condition and were forced

would mean that the Nationals will leave uninteresting. Score: here in sixth place, and, to do the unexpected, make a clean sweep, which, of Philadelphia1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-3 10 0 course, is not probable, would put the Cincinnati 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0-2 5 locals in fifth place, figuring, of course, that the Naps will do no better against the Athletics than they did here. Aside from its pitchers there is not much to the Chicago outfit. It is a weakhitting team, but its pitchers usually cago as they did against Cleveland there port. Sore: should be no trouble. On the Nationals' recent trip to Chicago they won three St. Louis000000020x-272 straight shut-outs from the Sox and lost New York 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 the final game in thirteen innings, 2 to 1, when it should have been a 1-to-0 victory for the Nationals.

played this year has he looked as much is in the wind, but both managers are youngsters developed, while the veterans ike himself as yesterday. Not only did keeping close counsel until the deal is who were let go continued to deteriorate. e hit hard, but he played a splendid consummated.

game at first. That lay-off which Un-At no time this season has McAleer's a world of good. He looks as if he team played better ball than the present. might be of much service to the team from now out.

Now that Beckendorf is working regu-

Charley Street's hand is mending rapabout the time the team starts on its

With any kind of luck Killifer would left. Incidentally Killifer is playing a The team has delivered right up to its very clever game of ball at second

of the second division, for Cleveland, ing him in that position McAleer has man of much more than ordinary ability. For years Killifer has been shift-Bob Groom resents the charges that he ed from one postion to the other. With gives more attention to base runners the result that he was fair in all, but than to batsmen, and that this habit is good in none. But this year Killifer has been played at second most of the "Suggestions to put blinkers on me to time and he has developed rapidly and

Bunching of hits with Link's wild-"To hear some of the remarks that are singles, some of them scratchy, brought

CLEVE. Birmingham, cf. 3 0 0 Link, p 3 0.0.0 Totals

National League Games.

Pirates Climbing Up.

PITTSBURG, July 22 .- Pittsburg yestersided at the finish. Doc did not have an day took both games of a double-header easy game to pitch, for the reason that easily from the Brooklyns, who earlier in their setback. Good hitting at the prop-Reisling's stronghold is the judg- er time was the story of both contess. ment he uses in working a batsman. Leach was a star in the field and at bat. Doc never grooves the ball unless he He hit a home run with the bases full in

Reisling at work always creates the im- Pitteburg 1 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 x-5 9 0 pression that it will only be a matter of Brooklyn 10000000-151

Cubs Blank Boston.

CHICAGO, July 22.-Brown pitched a brilliant game against Boston yesterday, Steinfeldt led in the batting with two singles and a triple in three times up. Frock was hammered from the slab in the sixth, when the Cubs scored all the runs.

Reds Field Poorly.

CINCINNATI, July 22.-Poor fielding on the part of Cincinnati and opportune hitseries with the White Sox. To beat them ting by Philadelphia allowed the latter majority of the six games to be played to win yesterday, 3 to 2. The game was

Sallee Comes Back.

ST. LOUIS, July 22 .- St. Louis won from New York yesterday, 2 to 0. Sallee, who make it pessible for it to win if it scores was back in the game after nearly ten run or two. If the twirlers under Mc- days' absence, held the visitors safely Aleer show as good form against Chi- throughout and received excellent sup-

consultation for the past couple of days.

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG

American League.

Philadelphia., 55 25 .688 .691 .679 New York. .. 49 32 .605 .610 .598 Boston 50 33 .602 .607 .595 Detroit 45 40 .529 .535 .523 Cleveland.... 34 42 .447 .455 .442 Washington.. 33 48 .407 .415 .402 Chicago 32 48 .400 .407 .395 St. Louis.... 24 54 .308 .316 .303

National League. Philadelphia Chicago ... Boston ... St. Louis 2 New York 0 SCHEDULES.

American League. St. Louis at Boston.

TODAY. Boston at Chicago.

Brooklyn at Pittsburg.
New York at St. Louis.

Boston at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Pittsburg.
New York at St. Louis.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

Virginia State League. At Petersburg-Roanoke, 9: Petersburg, 7. At Richmond-Richmond, 5; Norfolk, 1.

American Association. At Toledo-Milwaukee, 5; Toledo, 0. At Indianapolls-Minneapolls, 7; Indianapolls, 2. At Louisville-St. Paul, 4; Louisville, 3. At Columbus-Columbus, 4; Kansas City, 3.

Southern League. At Montgomery-Atlanta, 2; Montgomery, 0

At Buffalo-Providence, 2; Buffalo, 1. At Toronto-Toronto, 7; Jersey City, 4. At Newark-Newark-Montreal game postponed;

Tristate League.

At Harrisburg-York, 6; Harrisburg, 5 (ten At Williamsport-First game: Lancaster, Williamsport, 0 (eleven innings). Second game Williamsport, 1: Laneaster, 0.
At Altoona-First game: Altoona, 8; Reading,
2. Second game: Altoona, 1; Reading, 0.

South Atlantic League. At Columbus—Columbus, 2: Jacksonville, 1. At Macon—Savannah, 5: Macon, 0. At Augusta—Augusta, 6: Columbia, 0.

Spartanburg-Winston-Salem, S; Spartan-

At Asheville-Knoxville, 7: Asheville, 0. At Gadsden-Morristown, 11; Gadsden, 5. At Rome-Rome, 7; Johnson City, 3. Eastern Carolina League.

At Wilmington-Rocky Mount, 1; Wilmington, 0. At Goldsboro-Goldsboro, 3; Raleigh, 2. At Wilson-Wilson-Fayetteville; rain.

SPORTING COMMENT.

BASE BALL LEAGUES

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National League.

W. L. Pet. Win. Lose. Chicago..... 51 29 .638 .642 .630 New York... 45 34 .570 .575 .563 Pittsburg.... 43 34 .558 .563 .551 Cincinnati... 42 40 .512 .518 .506 Philadelphia. 38 40 .487 .494 .481 St. Louis.... 37 45 .451 .458 .446 Brooklyn.... 34 48 .415 .422 .410 Boston..... 32 52 .381 .388 .376

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.

Chicago at Washington. Chicago at Washington. Cleveland at Philade'a. Cleveland at Philade'a. Detroit at New York. Detroit at New York. Detroit at New York. St. Louis at Boston.

National League.

At New Orleans—New Orleans, 3; Chattanooga, 1 At Mobile—Nashville, 1; Mobile, 0. At Birmingham—Memphis, 1; Birmingham, 0. Eastern League.

At Rochester-Baltimore. 1; Rochester, 0.

Carolina Association,

Southeastern League.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

building up a team with young blood No championship team ever went to

places. The methods of the management were criticised, for it seemed that a good ball team was being shattered merely to Bresnahan and McGraw have been in satisfy the whims of a few fans who wanted new blood, but the wisdom of In no game that Bob Unglaub has It is believed that some gigantic trade that move has since been proven. The Boston again is a contender, and perhaps

WASHINGTON CLUB BUYS STAR FIRST BASEMAN

Manager McAleer has secured a new first baseman for the Nationals.. His name is Somerlot, and he is playing with Terre Haute in the Central League. For several weeks McAleer has been impressed with the hitting of Somerlot, as shown in the scores, so he sent Dick Padden, one of the club's scouts, out to look him over. Padden spent a week watching Somerlot play, and a few days ago he wired Mc-Aleer that the youngster was the best first baseman he had seen in any minor league. Since then there has been dickering between the Washington club and the Terre Haute club, with the result that the deal was closed this morning. Cash was paid for Somerlot. Pittsburg and Cincinnati were also bidding for the player.

Manager McAleer has also decided to call in Warren Miller, the outfielder who was with the Nationals last fall and this spring and was loaned to Scranton. Miller is hitting like a fiend in the minor league, and Scout Kahoe, who looked him over, says he is a much improved ball player.

Perhaps the hardest struggle a manager has with himself is when he con-templates letting out some ball player who has been most useful in years gone by. There is always that hope that the player may come back and play as he did in former years, and on this hope since over.

It looks like taking a long chance to cut a team to pieces and rid it of its veterans and take raw recruits to fill their places, and yet while it takes time to develop such a team it is the only way to get a winner. There are few IS ANXIOUS TO WIPE instances in base ball where winning teams have been made from material which other major league clubs wanted to get rid of.

Every one of the contending teams in the American League race today owes its Should Have Had a Bout or Two position to the young blood which was added during the past few years. Connie Mack made his team by the acquisition of Collins, Baker, Barry and a few others he picked up in the bushes. The New York team, with very few exceptions, is made up of players who had not had peek into fast company a few years ago. Boston is a young team and Detroit, which is carrying more seasoned material perhaps than any of its rivals, is in fourth place in the race.

easy time weeding out the old players on his team. They are very apt to show a spurt from now to the finish of the "I know that Jeffries feels the defeat season which will promise much for next very keenly," said Gleason, "and I should year, and under such conditions there has not be surprised were his friends to perbeen hesitancy here before about cutting players loose On their showing in the fall the Na- a matter of fact, Jeffries was a mental

one occasion only to prove dismal failures. These fall spurts are deceptive and the manager who allows himself to serious mistake. Three out of four from Cleveland was self in a short time. a good showing, but it should have been

things the following year on more than

four straight. The one defeat was the result of rather ill luck and then some poor pitching after the game had been But there never was a time when Nationals have been the Naps' jonah for, lo, these many years, and it is so now that victories over Cleveland are

of ball against Chicago it is sure to strengthen its hold on sixth place. Now, in most cities no one would enthuse about a team which was just clause put in which would make him hanging on to sixth place. That would free to have a couple of fights before his hardly be considered a good showing in a base ball race, but here, where tailenders have made their home for so same thing they feared that possibly the long, anything above eighth place is con- colored champier, would grow reckless sidered an achievement.

The persistency with which Sam Lang- both out of the ring ford keeps after Jack Johnson for a match creates the impression that the fore the fight would have put Jeffries in Boston Tar Baby really possesses the fa: bette: trim than he was. confidence that he can beat the champion, and in view of the fact that Johnson has on numerous occasions sidestepped. Langford it may be that the colored champion does not disagree with But a fight between this pair would

his rival. not create much furore, for the reason that Johnson seems to have so much natural advantage that it is hard to figure how Langford could get to him. There is about forty pounds difference in weight, not to speak of reach and height But Langford believes that he can win even under so great a handicap, because he just figures that he can get Johnson's

FAST TIME AND ACCIDENT.

Oldfield and Kerscher Break Records and John Dana Is Hurt.

Ohio, ran through the inside fence of the riding with him, was thrown under the car and painfully injured. Wheaton was th: own out, but was uninjured.

Jube, the Amherst outfielder, whom the Highlanders sent to Montreal, has been gold medals for the longest run by amahitting well for the latter team

has a better and at the same time less expensive team than the one which won its pennants. All this has been accom-ENTER RING AGAIN

many a player is carried for several seasons, though his usefulness is long Champion Can Beat Johnson in Short Time.

OUT RECENT DEFEAT

Before Entering Ring in Order to Be at His Best.

Jeffries may again enter the ring is the with two doubles and two singles. Tris belief of Sam Berger, his manager, and Speaker got a homer, too, a single and Jack Gleason, who with Tex Rickard a sacrifice. Simmons, the former Roches-Jim McAleer is not going to have an and manager arrived in Chicago yester- for disputing a decision. Score:

tionals have been picked to do great wreck when he entered the ring against Sam Berger, who has been with Jeffries be influenced by them is apt to make a as much as any one since the fighter's error by Davis. defeat, believes that Jeffries will be him-

Should Wipe Out Defeat.

said Berger. "My confident opinion is Washington couldn't beat Cleveland. The that he would whip Johnson any day in the week. It wasn't a question of coming back when Jeffries stepped into the ring at Reno. Jeffries was 'all in' when But the team showed good form never- he went into that fight. He was a nerv theless, and if it plays the same kind ous wreck.

> Gleason explained that before signing the fight articles Jeffries wanted a meeting with Johnson. The promoters were willing, but as Johnson asked the and either symble into a defeat or else injure himself, so they decided to keep Perger now thinks that a real bout be

NEWCOMB THE HIGH GUN

Wins Eastern Handicap After a Tie

With Engle. PHILADELPHIA, July 22.-The eastern handicap, the concluding fixture in the with H. H. Engle of New York, and wor the shoot-off, 19 to 15. J. M. Hawkins the Baltimore professional, was high gun with 98, but was ineligible for the prize

Wednesday, had his handicap raised to nincteen yards, and was able to break only 89 of his 100 targets. Miss Anna Reiker of Lancaster, Pa., broke 94. L. S. German of Aberdeen, Md.; F. Bills of Chicago; C. D. Westcott and C J. Biddle of this city, and G. L. Lyon of Durham, N. C., each broke 96. Remarkable scores were made in th morning events. F. S. Bills of Chicago. . D. Spencer of St. Louis, H. H. Stevens of Perth Amboy and F. D. Kelsey, an amateur from East Aurora, N. Y., each broke 99 out of 100 targets. C. M. Powers of Decatur, 'Ill.,' and Charles H. Newcomb were the high ama teurs for the three days. Each broke 571 of 600 targets. The Hanover trophy for the highest score in the three days was won by Bills who broke 576 of 600. J. R. Elliot made the longest run-147. Kelsey was secon with 146, and Newcomb third with 123. The two last named won the du Pont



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Other American League Games.

Karger Beats Detroit. BOSTON, July 22.-Boston shut out Detroit yesterday, 4 to 0, making it four wins out of five games. Karger's home run was the deciding factor in the contest. Karger also got a single, and he CHICAGO, Ill., July 22.-That James J. twirled great ball, letting the Tigers down Colored Champion's Reception Has ter third sacker, who Moriarty's place, was put off the field

Detroit...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 1

This Error is Costly. suade him to again enter the ring. As PHILADELPHIA, July 22.-Chicago de- | South Side. feated the Athletics yesterday, 3 to 2. Johnson. I could have whipped him my- The visitors scored all their runs in the ger, Motts, immediately following Johnson. eighth inning on J. Collins' triple, Dough- son's victory, engaged Cuhle to decorat erty's single, a base on balls and an Chicago played thirty-two consecutive innings here without scoring a run, and horns, flags and flowers were used the home team went the same number

> Chicago...... 000000030-3 \$ 4 settle for the work. Cuhle, Attorne Athletics...... 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0-2 7 1 St. Louis Badly Beaten.

of innings before making an error. The

error cost the game. Score:

Only in one inning, the sixth, did the locals fail to score. Three St. Louis pitchers were driven to cover. Score:

New York.... 5 3 3 1 3 0 3 1 x-19 15 St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0- 2 7 1

JOHNSON TO PAY FIDDLER. Not Been Paid For.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 22 .- The "home lowing his defeat of James J. Jeffries a Reno, Nev., was responsible for the films Boston 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 x-1 6 1 of a suit for \$48.80 in the municipal count against Robert Motts by Benjamin Cube Motts is manager of a theater and Cubic is a painter and decorator living on

> According to Attorney W. S. Newb Johnson's residence in preparation for the colored pugilist's homecoming reception. One hundred and twenty colored decorate the interior of the Johnson nome, said the attorney. When the reception was over Cuhl

went to Motts and asked the latter to

Newberger asserts, was told that Jack

declares that when Cuhle later asked

Johnson to pay for the decorations the

Johnson would foot the bill. The lawver

NEW YORK, July 22.—St. Louis was colored prize fighter refused, declaring that he was not going to pay for his own overwhelmed, 19 to 2, yesterday, in the reception. See Our Other Big Special Announcement on Page 10

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